# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2013

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 21, 2013, there were 555,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2013, a decrease of 9,400 from August 2013 but 14,700 more than the number employed in September 2012.

Agricultural employment was 47,500 persons in September 2013, up 2,600 from the August 2013 level and 2,900 more than the September 2012 agricultural employment level of 44,600. Non-agricultural employment was 508,000 persons in September 2013. This is a decrease of 12,000 from the August 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 520,000 but 11,800 more than September 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2013 was 3.8 percent. This is a decrease of 1.2 percentage points from the August 2013 rate of 5.0 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the September 2012 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 17,500 to 577,300 persons in September 2013 from 594,800 persons in August 2013. This is 13,900 more than the September 2012 labour force of 563,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 2.2 percentage points to 69.6 percent in September 2013 from 71.8 percent in August 2013. The September 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.2 percent.

There were 21,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2013. This is a decrease of 8,100 from August 2013 and is 800 less than the number unemployed in September 2012.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 555,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2013, down 3,200 from the August 2013 level of 558,700 but up 16,900 from the September 2012 employment level of 538,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2013 was 4.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the August 2013 rate of 4.2 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the September 2012 rate of 4.6 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 179,400 persons in September 2013 to 17,848,200 persons from 18,027,600 persons in August 2013. In September 2012, there were 17,644,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.2 percentage points in September 2013 to 6.4 percent from the August 2013 level of 7.6 percent. In September 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.9 percent in September 2013. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than August 2013 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the September 2012 level of 7.3 percent.

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## TABLE 1

## SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 19,066.3 | 19,516.9 | 18,915.9 | -450.6 | 150.4 |
| Employed ('000) | 17,848.2 | 18,027.6 | 17,644.9 | -179.4 | 203.3 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 14,500.0 | 15,009.7 | 14,405.4 | -509.7 | 94.6 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,348.2 | 3,017.9 | 3,239.5 | 330.3 | 108.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,218.1 | 1,489.3 | 1,271.0 | -271.2 | -52.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.4 | 7.6 | 6.7 | -1.2 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.3 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.3 | 67.9 | 66.6 | -1.6 | -0.3 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 577.3 | 594.8 | 563.4 | -17.5 | 13.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 555.5 | 564.9 | 540.8 | -9.4 | 14.7 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 465.1 | 477.8 | 453.3 | -12.7 | 11.8 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 90.4 | 87.1 | 87.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 21.8 | 29.9 | 22.6 | -8.1 | -0.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | -1.2 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.6 | 71.8 | 69.2 | -2.2 | 0.4 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,333.9 | 2,387.1 | 2,254.8 | -53.2 | 79.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,239.2 | 2,256.4 | 2,158.9 | -17.2 | 80.3 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,881.5 | 1,929.8 | 1,823.0 | -48.3 | 58.5 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 357.7 | 326.6 | 335.9 | 31.1 | 21.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 94.7 | 130.8 | 95.9 | -36.1 | -1.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.1 | 5.5 | 4.3 | -1.4 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 | -0.5 | -0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.9 | 74.9 | 73.0 | -2.0 | -0.1 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 669.8 | 680.0 | 669.3 | -10.2 | 0.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 635.0 | 636.7 | 637.4 | -1.7 | -2.4 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 508.3 | 529.1 | 515.9 | -20.8 | -7.6 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 126.7 | 107.6 | 121.5 | 19.1 | 5.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 34.8 | 43.4 | 31.9 | -8.6 | 2.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.2 | 6.4 | 4.8 | -1.2 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.6 | 69.8 | 69.4 | -1.2 | -0.8 |

**Source:** Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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## TABLE 2

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 577.3 | 594.8 | 563.4 | -17.5 | 13.9 |
| Male | 314.8 | 326.1 | 305.4 | -11.3 | 9.4 |
| Female | 262.5 | 268.7 | 258.0 | -6.2 | 4.5 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 89.1 | 105.7 | 90.4 | -16.6 | -1.3 |
| 25+ Years of age | 488.2 | 489.2 | 473.0 | -1.0 | 15.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 555.5 | 564.9 | 540.8 | -9.4 | 14.7 |
| Male | 304.2 | 314.1 | 294.8 | -9.9 | 9.4 |
| Female | 251.3 | 250.8 | 246.1 | 0.5 | 5.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 81.0 | 99.0 | 80.8 | -18.0 | 0.2 |
| 25+ Years of age | 474.5 | 465.9 | 460.0 | 8.6 | 14.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 21.8 | 29.9 | 22.6 | -8.1 | -0.8 |
| Male | 10.5 | 12.1 | 10.7 | -1.6 | -0.2 |
| Female | 11.2 | 17.9 | 11.9 | -6.7 | -0.7 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.1 | 6.7 | 9.6 | 1.4 | -1.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 13.7 | 23.3 | 13.0 | -9.6 | 0.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | -1.2 | -0.2 |
| Male | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| Female | 4.3 | 6.7 | 4.6 | -2.4 | -0.3 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 9.1 | 6.3 | 10.6 | 2.8 | -1.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 2.8 | 4.8 | 2.7 | -2.0 | 0.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 69.6 | 71.8 | 69.2 | -2.2 | 0.4 |
| Male | 76.1 | 79.0 | 75.5 | -2.9 | 0.6 |
| Female | 63.0 | 64.6 | 63.0 | -1.6 | 0.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 65.2 | 77.3 | 66.2 | -12.1 | -1.0 |
| 25+ Years of age | 70.4 | 70.7 | 69.8 | -0.3 | 0.6 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
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## TABLE 3

## SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 47.5 | 44.9 | 44.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 23.9 | 25.4 | 25.9 | -1.5 | -2.0 |
| Utilities | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Construction | 50.1 | 51.6 | 48.1 | -1.5 | 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 28.8 | 30.7 | 26.0 | -1.9 | 2.8 |
| Trade | 78.2 | 83.1 | 81.6 | -4.9 | -3.4 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 28.0 | 27.3 | 24.2 | 0.7 | 3.8 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 29.4 | 30.1 | 30.8 | -0.7 | -1.4 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 26.8 | 28.3 | 25.5 | -1.5 | 1.3 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 13.6 | 16.3 | 12.9 | -2.7 | 0.7 |
| Educational Services | 45.1 | 31.8 | 43.2 | 13.3 | 1.9 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 74.5 | 75.9 | 69.5 | -1.4 | 5.0 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 19.5 | 22.7 | 18.6 | -3.2 | 0.9 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 32.5 | 33.3 | 26.6 | -0.8 | 5.9 |
| Other Services | 22.5 | 25.4 | 26.1 | -2.9 | -3.6 |
| Public Administration | 28.4 | 32.4 | 31.3 | -4.0 | -2.9 |
| Total | 555.5 | 564.9 | 540.8 | -9.4 | 14.7 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 465.1 | 477.8 | 453.3 | -12.7 | 11.8 |
| Part-Time | 90.4 | 87.1 | 87.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 447.5 | 457.5 | 440.3 | -10.0 | 7.2 |
| Public Sector | 137.4 | 131.2 | 137.9 | 6.2 | -0.5 |
| Private Sector | 310.1 | 326.3 | 302.4 | -16.2 | 7.7 |
| Self-Employed | 108.0 | 107.4 | 100.5 | 0.6 | 7.5 |

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## TABLE 4

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,848.2 | 18,027.6 | 17,644.9 | -179.4 | 203.3 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 236.1 | 242.8 | 235.2 | -6.7 | 0.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 75.8 | 79.6 | 74.7 | -3.8 | 1.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 459.3 | 468.1 | 462.1 | -8.8 | -2.8 |
| New Brunswick | 359.0 | 363.4 | 354.0 | -4.4 | 5.0 |
| Quebec | 4,054.2 | 4,069.9 | 4,049.0 | -15.7 | 5.2 |
| Ontario | 6,913.6 | 7,004.4 | 6,794.5 | -90.8 | 119.1 |
| Manitoba | 635.0 | 636.7 | 637.4 | -1.7 | -2.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 555.5 | 564.9 | 540.8 | -9.4 | 14.7 |
| Alberta | 2,239.2 | 2,256.4 | 2,158.9 | -17.2 | 80.3 |
| British Columbia | 2,320.4 | 2,341.4 | 2,338.2 | -21.0 | -17.8 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.4 | 7.6 | 6.7 | -1.2 | -0.3 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 8.6 | 10.1 | 10.6 | -1.5 | -2.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 9.6 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 7.8 | 8.8 | 7.8 | -1.0 | 0.0 |
| New Brunswick | 9.0 | 10.6 | 9.6 | -1.6 | -0.6 |
| Quebec | 6.7 | 8.1 | 6.9 | -1.4 | -0.2 |
| Ontario | 7.0 | 8.2 | 7.4 | -1.2 | -0.4 |
| Manitoba | 5.2 | 6.4 | 4.8 | -1.2 | 0.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | -1.2 | -0.2 |
| Alberta | 4.1 | 5.5 | 4.3 | -1.4 | -0.2 |
| British Columbia | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.5 | -0.7 | -0.2 |

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## TABLE 5

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,780.7 | 17,768.8 | 17,568.3 | 11.9 | 212.4 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 230.7 | 232.0 | 229.7 | -1.3 | 1.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 73.4 | 73.9 | 72.1 | -0.5 | 1.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 456.1 | 456.4 | 458.4 | -0.3 | -2.3 |
| New Brunswick | 352.6 | 349.8 | 349.5 | 2.8 | 3.1 |
| Quebec | 4,013.8 | 3,998.8 | 4,003.0 | 15.0 | 10.8 |
| Ontario | 6,918.4 | 6,920.1 | 6,799.8 | -1.7 | 118.6 |
| Manitoba | 634.0 | 631.5 | 635.7 | 2.5 | -1.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 555.5 | 558.7 | 538.6 | -3.2 | 16.9 |
| Alberta | 2,236.4 | 2,232.4 | 2,156.1 | 4.0 | 80.3 |
| British Columbia | 2,309.8 | 2,315.2 | 2,325.4 | -5.4 | -15.6 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.3 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 10.4 | 10.7 | 12.3 | -0.3 | -1.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 11.0 | 10.6 | 11.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| New Brunswick | 10.7 | 10.7 | 11.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Quebec | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.9 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Ontario | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.9 | -0.2 | -0.6 |
| Manitoba | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Alberta | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 | -0.5 | -0.1 |
| British Columbia | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

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## TABLE 6

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 5.7 | 6.1 | 7.4 | -0.4 | -1.7 |
| Halifax | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Saint John | 9.8 | 10.9 | 9.6 | -1.1 | 0.2 |
| Quebec | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | -0.4 | -0.8 |
| Montreal | 8.1 | 8.3 | 7.9 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.9 | 7.1 | 6.9 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Greater Sudbury | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| Toronto | 8.6 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| Winnipeg | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Regina | 3.7 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| Saskatoon | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Calgary | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| Edmonton | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Vancouver | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Victoria | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 179.9 | 180.6 | 171.8 | -0.7 | 8.1 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 51.8 | 52.5 | 49.6 | -0.7 | 2.2 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 194.8 | 195.5 | 184.8 | -0.7 | 10.0 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 37.3 | 37.9 | 36.9 | -0.6 | 0.4 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 97.8 | 99.2 | 101.1 | -1.4 | -3.3 |

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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## TABLE 7

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | September 2013 | August 2013 | September 2012 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 587.7 | 591.3 | 572.2 | -3.6 | 15.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 561.6 | 565.9 | 544.2 | -4.3 | 17.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 26.1 | 25.4 | 27.9 | 0.7 | -1.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.9 | 71.5 | 70.4 | -0.6 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.8 | 68.4 | 67.0 | -0.6 | 0.8 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 537.9 | 540.8 | 526.3 | -2.9 | 11.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 517.8 | 521.2 | 505.1 | -3.4 | 12.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 20.1 | 19.6 | 21.2 | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.2 | 71.7 | 71.0 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 68.5 | 69.1 | 68.1 | -0.6 | 0.4 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 49.8 | 50.5 | 45.8 | -0.7 | 4.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 43.9 | 44.7 | 39.1 | -0.8 | 4.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.0 | 11.5 | 14.6 | 0.5 | -2.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.6 | 69.6 | 64.2 | -1.0 | 4.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.4 | 61.6 | 54.8 | -1.2 | 5.6 |
| **FIRST NATIONS** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 20.1 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 16.4 | 16.2 | 14.7 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 18.5 | 18.5 | 21.3 | 0.0 | -2.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.8 | 62.3 | 59.6 | 0.5 | 3.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 51.2 | 50.8 | 46.9 | 0.4 | 4.3 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 29.7 | 30.6 | 26.9 | -0.9 | 2.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 27.5 | 28.5 | 24.2 | -1.0 | 3.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 0.6 | -2.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 73.2 | 75.4 | 67.7 | -2.2 | 5.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.6 | 70.2 | 60.9 | -2.6 | 6.7 |

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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